Modernization of para-military forces

4520. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps Government are taking to modernize the para-military forces;

(b) what new technologies are being introduced for the modernization process; and

(c) how much budget is allocated for the modernization process and how much was spent in the process during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) A modernization plan for para-military forces which includes providing them superior arms and ammunitions, strategic equipment, effective transport vehicles, state-of-the-art communication, surveillance and body guarding systems, is under implementation.

(b) The latest and modern technologies in respect of various items as mentioned in part (a) are being introduced for the modernization process.

(c) The expenditure on modernization is met out of the regular provisioning budget provided to the para-military forces. During the last 3 years (2004—07), the total budget allocated for provisioning was Rs. 4654.72 crore and out of this an amount of Rs. 1292.34 crore was spent on modernization.

Padma Awards to medical science persons

4521. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Padma Awards were given to some medical science persons this year;

(b) the details of these awards;

(c) whether Unani and Ayurveda practitioners/experts felt left out and neglected *vis-a-vis* Allopathic practitioners in these awards;

(d) whether it has harmed Unani and Ayurveda doctors; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to balance frequent and routine awarding of people already holding high positions in Delhi medical establishments and in Universities based in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list of persons who were conferred Padma Award in the field of medicine for the year 2007 is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below).

(c) to (e) The list of awardees also includes Unani and Ayurveda practitioners who have been conferred Padma Awards this year. The nominations for Padma Awards are considered by a high-level Padma Awards Committee constituted by the Prime Minister every year. The recommendations made by the Committee are approved by the Prime Minister and the President. While the Committee applies highest standard in making selection, there is no rigid criteria or trenchant formula for the selection.

Statement

List of persons awarded with Padma Awards - 2007 in the field of Medicine

Sl. No.	Name	Award
1.	Prof. Balu Sankaran	Padma Vibhushan
2.	Dr. Prithipal Singh Maini	Padma Bhushan
3.	Prof. (Dr.) Shiv Kumar Sarin	Padma Bhushan
4.	Prof. (Vaidya) Shriram Sharma (Ayurveda)	Padma Bhushan
5.	Hakim Syed Mohammad Sharfuddin Quadri (Unani)	Padma Bhushan
6.	Dr. Anoop Misra	Padma Shri
7.	Prof. (Dr.) Ashok Kumar Hemal	Padma Shri
8.	Prof. (Dr.) Atul Kumar	Padma Shri
9.	Dr. B. Paul Thaliath	Padma Shri
10.	Dr. Balbir Singh	Padma Shri

Sl. No.	Name	Award
11.	Prof. (Dr.) Harpinder Singh Chawla	Padma Shri
12.	Prof. Kallipatti Ramasamy Palaniswamy	Padma Shri
13.	Dr. Mahipal Singh Sachdev	Padma Shri
14.	Dr. Manjunath Cholenahally Nanjappa	Padma Shri
15.	Prof. Mayil Vahanan Natarajan	Padma Shri
16.	Dr. Mohsin Wali	Padma Shri
17.	Prof. (Dr.) Narmada Prasad Gupta	Padma Shri
18.	Dr. P. Namperumalsamy	Padma Shri
19.	Dr. Sheo Bhagwan Tibrewal	Padma Shri

Funds to DD Hyderabad for documentary films

4522. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allocated to DD Hyderabad for making documentary films and video coverage during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of documentaries produced during this period pertaining to development of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the number of short features and full-length documentaries produced by private producers and the amount sanctioned, released and spent during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI PRIYARANJAN DASMUNSI): (a) Prasar Bharati have informed that the following funds were allocated to DD Hyderabad for making documentary films and video coverage during the last three years:—

2004-05	:	Rs. 2,15,90,000/-
2005-06	:	Rs. 1,98,75,000/-
2006-07	:	Rs. 5,00,000/-